

# Definable fiber bundles in an o-minimal expansion of a real closed field

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## Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{N} = (R, +, \cdot, <, \dots)$  be an o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $(R, +, \cdot, <)$  of a real closed field  $R$ . Let  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  be a definable fiber bundle over a definable set  $X$  with fiber  $F$  and structure group  $K$  and  $f, h : Y \rightarrow X$  definable maps between definable sets. We prove that if  $f$  and  $h$  are definably homotopic, then the induced definable fiber bundles  $f^*(\eta)$  and  $h^*(\eta)$  are definably fiber bundle isomorphic.

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## 1 . Introduction.

Let  $\mathcal{N} = (R, +, \cdot, <, \dots)$  denote an o-minimal expansion of the standard structure  $(R, +, \cdot, <)$  of a real closed field  $R$ . The term “definable” means “definable with parameters in  $\mathcal{N}$ ”. General references on o-minimal structures are [4], [6], see also [23]. Further properties and constructions of them are studied in [5], [7]. J.P. Rolin, P. Speissegger and A.J. Wilkie [22] proved that there exist uncountably many o-minimal expansions of the standard structure  $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <)$  of the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers. A definable category is a generalization of the semi-algebraic category, and the definable category on  $\mathcal{R}$  coincides the semialgebraic one.

The homotopy property of semialgebraic vector bundles is established in 12.7.7 [1] and it is studied in 2.10 [19] in the equivariant

fiber bundle case. An equivariant version of 12.7.7 [1] is studied in [2], definable  $G$  sets and definable  $G$  maps are studied in [13], and definable  $C^r G$  manifolds and definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles are studied in [17], [15], [14].

In this paper, we use a definable space as in the sense of [4]. Every definable set is a definable space in this sense. Definable maps between definable spaces are assumed to be continuous and everything is considered in  $\mathcal{N}$  unless otherwise stated.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be definable sets. Two definable maps  $f, h : X \rightarrow Y$  are called *definably homotopic* if there exists a definable map  $H : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow Y$  such that  $H(x, 0) = f(x)$  and  $H(x, 1) = h(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  be a definable fiber bundle over a definable set*

$X$  with fiber  $F$  and structure group  $K$ . If two definable maps  $f, h : Y \rightarrow X$  between definable sets are definably homotopic, then  $f^*(\eta)$  and  $h^*(\eta)$  are definably fiber bundle isomorphic.

If  $\mathcal{N}$  is an o-minimal expansion  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, \dots)$  of  $\mathcal{R}$ , then by 1.2 [13], if two definable maps between definable sets are homotopic, then they are definably homotopic. Hence we have the following corollary which is a generalization of 1.1 [16].

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$  and let  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  be a definable fiber bundle over a definable set  $X$  with fiber  $F$  and structure group  $K$ . If two definable maps  $f, h : Y \rightarrow X$  between definable sets are homotopic, then  $f^*(\eta)$  and  $h^*(\eta)$  are definably fiber bundle isomorphic.*

We next consider definable  $G$  vector bundles and definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle when  $G$  is a finite group. Strongly definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles and strongly definable  $G$  vector bundles are defined similarly (See Definition 3.3).

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $\eta = (E, p, X)$  a definable  $G$  vector bundle over a definable  $G$  set  $X$ . Then  $\eta$  is strongly definable.*

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $X$  an affine definable  $C^r G$  manifold  $X$  and  $0 \leq r < \infty$ . For any two strongly definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  over  $X$ , they are definably  $C^r G$  vector bundle isomorphic if and only if they are definably  $G$  vector bundle isomorphic. In particular a definable  $G$  vector bundle over  $X$  admits at most one strongly definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle structure.*

Let  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$  and  $K$  a compact subgroup of some  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ . By the construction (19.6 [24]) of the  $n$ -universal principal bundle  $\mathcal{B}_K = (B_K, p_K, X_K)$  relative to  $K$ , it is a Nash fiber bundle and  $E_K$  and  $X_K$  are compact affine Nash manifolds. Let  $F$  be an affine definable  $C^r$  manifold with an effective definable  $C^r K$  action and  $r$  a non-negative integer.

Then by 2.5 [12], the associated fiber bundle  $\mathcal{B}_K[F] := (E, p, X_K, F, K)$  is a definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle. A definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  is strongly definable if there exist some  $\mathcal{B}_K = (B_K, p_K, X_K)$  and a definable  $C^r$  map  $f : X \rightarrow X_K$  such that  $\eta$  is definably  $C^r$  fiber bundle isomorphic to  $f^*(\mathcal{B}_K[F])$ . Strongly definable fiber bundles are defined similarly.

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  a strongly definable fiber bundle over a definable  $C^r$  manifold  $X$  such that  $K$  is a compact subgroup of some  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $r$  a non-negative integer.*

(1) *There exists a strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle  $\zeta$  over  $X$  such that  $\zeta$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ .*

(2) *If  $\zeta'$  is another strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle over  $X$  such that  $\zeta'$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ , then  $\zeta'$  and  $\zeta$  are definably  $C^r$  fiber bundle isomorphic.*

*In particular, (1) and (2) say that  $\eta$  admits a unique strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle structure up to definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle isomorphism.*

Theorem 1.5 is a generalization of 1.1 [12] and under the assumption of Theorem 1.5  $K$  is a compact algebraic group (P133 [21]).

**Theorem 1.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an o-minimal expansion of the exponential field  $\mathbf{R}_{\exp} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, e^x)$  admitting the  $C^\infty$  cell decomposition. Let  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  be a strongly definable fiber bundle over a definable  $C^\infty$  manifold  $X$  such that  $K$  is a compact subgroup of some  $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ .*

(1) *There exists a strongly definable  $C^\infty$  fiber bundle  $\zeta$  over  $X$  such that  $\zeta$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ .*

(2) *If  $\zeta'$  is another strongly definable  $C^\infty$  fiber bundle over  $X$  such that  $\zeta'$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ , then  $\zeta'$  and  $\zeta$  are definably  $C^\infty$  fiber bundle isomorphic.*

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O. Le Gal and J.P. Rolin [20] proved that there exists some  $\mathcal{M}$  which does not admit the  $C^\infty$  cell decomposition.

## 2 Definable fiber bundles

A *definable set* means a definable subset of some  $R^n$ . A group  $G$  is a *definable group* if  $G$  is a definable set such that the group operations  $G \times G \rightarrow G$  and  $G \rightarrow G$  are definable. A subgroup  $H$  of a definable group  $G$  is a *definable subgroup* if it is a definable subset of  $G$ . Every definable subgroup of a definable group is closed and a closed subgroup of a definable group is not necessarily definable. A group homomorphism (resp. An group isomorphism) between definable groups is a *definable group homomorphism* (resp. a *definable group isomorphism*) if it is a definable map. A *representation map* of a definable group  $G$  is a definable group homomorphism from  $G$  to some  $O_n(R)$ . A *representation* of  $G$  means some  $R^n$  with the linear action induced by a representation map  $G \rightarrow O_n(R)$ . In this paper, we assume that every representation of  $G$  is orthogonal. A  $G$  invariant definable subset of a representation of a definable group  $G$  is called a *definable  $G$  set*.

Let  $G$  be a definable group. A *definable set with a definable  $G$  action* is a pair  $(X, \theta)$  consisting of a definable set  $X$  and a group action  $\theta : G \times X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\theta$  is a definable map. We simply write  $X$  instead of  $(X, \theta)$ . Clearly a definable  $G$  set is a definable set with a definable  $G$  action.

A *definable space* is an object obtained by pasting finitely many definable sets together along definable open subsets, and definable maps between definable spaces are defined similarly (see Chap. 10 [4]). Definable spaces are generalizations of semialgebraic spaces in the sense of [3].

**Definition 2.1** ([15], [16]). (1) A topological fiber bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  is called a *definable fiber bundle* over  $X$  with fiber  $F$  and structure group

$K$  if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (a) The total space  $E$  is a definable space, the base space  $X$  is a definable set, the structure group  $K$  is a definable group, the fiber  $F$  is a definable set with an effective definable  $K$  action, and the projection  $p : E \rightarrow X$  is a definable map.
- (b) There exists a finite family of local trivializations  $\{U_i, \phi_i : p^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i \times F\}_i$  of  $\eta$  such that each  $U_i$  is a definable open subset of  $X$ ,  $\{U_i\}_i$  is a finite open covering of  $X$ . For any  $x \in U_i$ , let  $\phi_{i,x} : p^{-1}(x) \rightarrow F$ ,  $\phi_{i,x}(z) = \pi_i \circ \phi_i(z)$ , where  $\pi_i$  stands for the projection  $U_i \times F \rightarrow F$ . For any  $i$  and  $j$  with  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ , the transition function  $\theta_{ij} := \phi_{j,x} \circ \phi_{i,x}^{-1} : U_i \cap U_j \rightarrow K$  is a definable map. We call these trivializations *definable*.

Definable fiber bundles with compatible definable local trivializations are identified.

- (2) Let  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  and  $\zeta = (E', p', X', F, K)$  be definable fiber bundles whose definable local trivializations are  $\{U_i, \phi_i\}_i$  and  $\{V_j, \psi_j\}_j$ , respectively. A definable map  $f : E \rightarrow E'$  is said to be a *definable fiber bundle morphism* if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (a) There exists a definable map  $f : X \rightarrow X'$  such that  $f \circ p = p' \circ \bar{f}$ .
- (b) For any  $i, j$  such that  $U_i \cap f^{-1}(V_j) \neq \emptyset$  and for any  $x \in U_i \cap f^{-1}(V_j)$ , the map  $f_{ij}(x) := \psi_{j,f(x)} \circ \bar{f} \circ \phi_{i,x}^{-1} : F \rightarrow F$  lies in  $K$ , and  $f_{ij} : U_i \cap f^{-1}(V_j) \rightarrow K$  is a definable map.

A bijective definable fiber bundle morphism  $\bar{f} : E \rightarrow E'$  is called a *definable fiber bundle equivalence* if  $f$  is a definable homeomorphism and  $(\bar{f})^{-1} : E'$

$\rightarrow E$  is a definable fiber bundle morphism covering  $f^{-1} : X' \rightarrow X$ . A definable fiber bundle equivalence is a definable fiber bundle isomorphism if  $X = X'$  and  $f = id_X$ . We say that  $\eta$  is *definably trivial* if  $\eta$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to the trivial bundle  $(X \times F, proj, X, F, K)$ , where  $proj : X \times F \rightarrow X$  denotes the projection onto the first factor.

- (3) A continuous section  $s : X \rightarrow E$  of a definable fiber bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  is a *definable section* if for any  $i$ , the map  $\phi_i \circ s|_{U_i} : U_i \rightarrow U_i \times F$  is a definable map.
- (4) We say that a definable fiber bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  is a *principal definable fiber bundle* if  $F = K$  and the  $K$  action on  $F$  is defined by the multiplication of  $K$ .

**Proposition 2.2** (3.2 [8]). *For any finite covering of a definable set  $X \times [0, 1]$  by definable open sets  $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^p$ , there exists a finite cover of  $X$  by definable open sets  $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^q$  and, for each  $i$  definable functions  $0 = \phi_{i,0} < \dots < \phi_{i,k_i} = 1$  from  $U_i$  to  $R$  such that for each pair  $(i, l)$  with  $1 \leq i \leq q$  and  $0 \leq l < k_i$  there exists some  $j$  such that  $\{(x, y) | x \in U_i, \phi_{i,l}(x) \leq y \leq \phi_{i,l+1}(x)\} \subset V_j$ .*

By a way similar of the proof of 2.2 [16], we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a definable set,  $X_1 = \{(x_1, x_2) \in A \times [0, 1] | f_1(x_1) < x_2 \leq f_2(x_1)\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{(x_1, x_2) \in A \times [0, 1] | f_2(x_1) \leq x_2 < f_3(x_1)\}$  and  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  a definable fiber bundle over  $X = X_1 \cup X_2$ , where  $f_i : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $(1 \leq i \leq 3)$ , are definable functions with  $f_1 < f_2 < f_3$ . If  $\eta|_{X_1}$  and  $\eta|_{X_2}$  are definably trivial, then  $\eta$  is definably trivial.*

The above two results proves the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a definable set and  $\eta = (E, p, X \times [0, 1], F, K)$  a definable fiber bundle over  $X \times [0, 1]$ . Then there exists a finite definable open covering  $\{U_i\}_i$  of  $X$  such that each  $\eta|(U_i \times [0, 1])$  is definably trivial.*

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a definable set,  $r : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X \times [0, 1]$ ,  $r(x, t) = (x, 1)$  and  $\eta = (E, p, X \times [0, 1], F, K)$  a definable fiber bundle over  $X \times [0, 1]$ . Then there exists a definable fiber bundle morphism  $\phi : E \rightarrow E$  with  $p \circ \phi = r \circ p$ .*

We need a definable partition of unity to prove Theorem 2.5.

**Proposition 2.6** (6.3.7 [4]). *Let  $X$  be a definable subset of  $R^n$  and  $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^l$  a finite definable open covering of  $X$ . Then there exist definable functions  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_l : X \rightarrow R$  such that  $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp } \lambda_i \subset U_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$ .*

We call  $\{\lambda_i\}$  in Proposition 2.6 a *definable partition of unity subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$* . In Proposition 2.6, we can replace  $\sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$  by  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} f_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.5.* By Proposition 2.4, we can find a finite definable open covering  $\{U_i \times [0, 1]\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $X \times [0, 1]$  such that each  $\eta|(U_i \times [0, 1])$  is definably trivial. Since  $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is a definable open covering of  $X$  and by Proposition 2.6, there exist definable functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that:

1. The support of each  $f_i$  is contained in  $U_i$ .
2.  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} f_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in X$ .

Let  $\{h_i : U_i \times [0, 1] \times F \rightarrow p^{-1}(U_i \times [0, 1])\}_{i=1}^n$  be definable local trivializations of  $\eta$ . Define

$$(u_i, r_i) : (E, X \times [0, 1]) \rightarrow (E, X \times [0, 1]),$$

$$r_i(x, t) = \begin{cases} (x, \max(f_i(x), t)), & (x, t) \in U_i \times [0, 1] \\ (x, t), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$u_i(h_i(x, t, y)) = h_i(x, \max(f_i(x), t), y)$ ,  
 for any  $(x, t, y) \in U_i \times [0, 1] \times F$ ,  
 $u_i$  is the identity outside  $p^{-1}(U_i \times [0, 1])$ .  
 Then  $r = r_n \circ \dots \circ r_1$ . Therefore  $\phi := u_n \circ \dots \circ u_1 : E \rightarrow E$  is the required definable fiber bundle morphism.  $\square$

By Theorem 2.5, we have Theorem 1.1.  $\square$

A definable set  $X$  is *definably contractible* if there exist some point  $x_0 \in X$  and a definable map  $F : X \times [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  such that for any  $x \in X$ ,  $F(x, 0) = x_0$  and  $F(x, 1) = x$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** *Every definable fiber bundle over a definably contractible definable set is definably trivial.*

### 3 Definable $C^r G$ fiber bundles and definable $C^r G$ vector bundles

In  $\mathcal{N}$ , we can define definable  $C^r$  manifolds, definable  $C^r G$  manifolds and affine definable  $C^r G$  manifolds as well as  $\mathcal{M}$  [15].

**Definition 3.1** ([15]). Let  $G$  be a definable  $C^r$  group and  $0 \leq r \leq \infty$ .

- (1) A definable fiber bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X, F, K)$  is a *definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle* if the total space  $E$  and the base space  $X$  are definable  $C^r$  manifolds, the structure group  $K$  is a definable  $C^r$  group, the fiber  $F$  is a definable  $C^r K$  manifold with an effective action, the projection  $p$  is a definable  $C^r$  map and all transition functions of  $\eta$  are definable  $C^r$  maps. A *principal definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle* is defined similarly.
- (2) *Definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle morphisms, definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle equivalences, definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle isomorphisms* between definable  $C^r$  fiber bundles and *definable  $C^r$  sections* of a definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle are defined similarly.

- (3) A definable fiber bundle  $(E, p, X, F, K)$  (respectively A principal definable fiber bundle  $(E, p, X, K)$ ) is called a *definable  $G$  fiber bundle* (respectively a *principal definable  $G$  fiber bundle*) if the total space  $E$  is a definable  $G$  space such that  $G$  acts on  $E$  through definable fiber bundle equivalences, the base space  $X$  is a definable set with a definable  $G$  action and the projection  $p$  is a definable  $G$  map. A *definable  $C^r G$  fiber bundle* and *principal definable  $C^r G$  fiber bundle* are defined similarly.

- (4) A definable fiber bundle morphism (respectively A definable fiber bundle equivalence, A definable fiber bundle isomorphism) between definable  $G$  fiber bundles is a *definable  $G$  fiber bundle morphism* (respectively a *definable  $G$  fiber bundle equivalence, a definable  $G$  fiber bundle isomorphism*) if it is a  $G$  map.
- (5) A *definable  $G$  section* of a definable  $G$  fiber bundle means a definable section which is a  $G$  map.
- (6) A *definable  $C^r$  vector bundle* (resp. A *definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle*) is a definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle (resp. a definable  $C^r G$  fiber bundle) with fiber  $R^n$  and structure group  $GL_n(R)$ .
- (7) Let  $\eta_1 = (E, p, X)$  and  $\eta_2 = (E', p', X)$  be definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles over  $X$ . A *definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle morphism*  $\eta_1 \rightarrow \eta_2$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map  $f : E \rightarrow E'$  such that  $p = p' \circ f$  and  $f$  is linear on each fiber. A *definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle morphism*  $h : \eta \rightarrow \eta'$  is a *definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle isomorphism* if there exists a definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle morphism  $\bar{h} : \eta' \rightarrow \eta$  such that  $h \circ \bar{h} = id$  and  $\bar{h} \circ h = id$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $G$  be either a definable group or a definable  $C^r$  group and  $0 \leq r \leq \infty$ . Let  $\Omega$  be an  $n$ -dimensional

representation of  $G$  and let  $B$  be the representation map  $G \rightarrow O_n(R)$  of  $\Omega$ . Suppose that  $M(\Omega)$  denotes the vector space of  $n \times n$ -matrices with the action  $(g, A) \in G \times M(\Omega) \rightarrow B(g)AB(g)^{-1} \in M(\Omega)$ . For any positive integer  $k$ , we define the vector bundle  $\gamma(\Omega, k) = (E(\Omega, k), u, G(\Omega, k))$  as follows:

$G(\Omega, k) = \{A \in M(\Omega) | A^2 = A, A = A', \text{Tr} A = k\}$ ,  $E(\Omega, k) = \{(A, v) \in G(\Omega, k) \times \Omega | Av = v\}$ ,  $u : E(\Omega, k) \rightarrow G(\Omega, k) : u((A, v)) = A$ , where  $A'$  denotes the transposed matrix of  $A$  and  $\text{Tr} A$  stands for the trace of  $A$ . Then  $\gamma(\Omega, k)$  is an algebraic vector bundle. Since the action on  $\gamma(\Omega, k)$  is algebraic, it is an algebraic  $G$  vector bundle. We call it the *universal  $G$  vector bundle associated with  $\Omega$  and  $k$* . Remark that  $G(\Omega, k) \subset M(\Omega)$  and  $E(\Omega, k) \subset M(\Omega) \times \Omega$  are nonsingular algebraic  $G$  sets.

**Definition 3.3.** (1) Let  $G$  be a definable group. A definable  $G$  vector bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X)$  over a definable  $G$  set  $X$  is called *strongly definable* if there exist a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  and a definable  $G$  map  $f : X \rightarrow G(\Omega, k)$  such that  $\eta$  is definably  $G$  vector bundle isomorphic to  $f^*(\gamma(\Omega, k))$ , where  $k$  denotes the rank of  $\eta$ .

(2) Let  $G$  be a definable  $C^r$  group and  $0 \leq r \leq \infty$ . A definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle  $\eta = (E, p, X)$  over an affine definable  $C^r G$  manifold  $X$  is called *strongly definable* if there exist a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  and a definable  $C^r G$  map  $f : X \rightarrow G(\Omega, k)$  such that  $\eta$  is definably  $C^r G$  vector bundle isomorphic to  $f^*(\gamma(\Omega, k))$ , where  $k$  denotes the rank of  $\eta$ .

We can define the Whitney sum of two definable  $G$  vector bundles and that of two definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles in a way similar to P256 [1] and P85 Example 3 [18].

By a way similar to the proof of 3.6 [2], we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $\eta = (E, p, X)$  a definable  $G$  vector bundle of rank  $k$  over a definable  $G$  set  $X$ . Then the following five properties are equivalent.*

- (1)  $\eta$  is strongly definable.
- (2) There exists a surjective definable  $G$  vector bundle morphism from a trivial  $G$  vector bundle  $\underline{\Omega} = X \times \Omega$  onto  $\eta$  for some representation space  $\Omega$  of  $G$ .
- (3) There exists an injective definable  $G$  vector bundle morphism from  $\eta$  to a trivial  $G$  vector bundle  $\underline{\Xi} = X \times \Xi$  for some representation space  $\Xi$  of  $G$ .
- (4) There exist non-equivariant definable global sections  $s_1, \dots, s_n : X \rightarrow E$  such that:
  - (1) The vectors  $s_1(x), \dots, s_n(x)$  generate the fiber  $E|_x = p^{-1}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .
  - (2) The sections  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  generate a finite dimensional  $G$  invariant vector subspace of  $\Gamma(E)$ , where  $\Gamma(E)$  denotes the set of all continuous global sections of  $E$  with the natural  $G$  action, namely  $(g \cdot s)(x) = g(s(g^{-1}(x)))$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $x \in X$ .
- (5) There exists a definable vector bundle  $\eta$  over  $X$  such that  $\xi \oplus \eta$  is definably  $G$  vector bundle isomorphic to a trivial  $G$  vector bundle  $\underline{\Omega'} = X \times \Omega'$  for some  $G$  representation space  $\Omega'$ .

**Theorem 3.5** ([9]). *Let  $X, Y$  be definable  $C^r$  submanifolds of  $R^n, R^m$ , respectively and  $0 \leq s < r < \infty$ . Every definable  $C^s$  map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is approximated by a definable  $C^r$  map with respect to the definable  $C^s$  topology.*

To consider an equivariant version of Theorem 3.5, we need the averaging function.

Let  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$ ,  $X$  an affine definable  $C^r G$  manifold and  $\Omega$  a representation of  $G$ . Then we define the averaging function  $A : C^r(X, \Omega) \rightarrow C^r(X, \Omega)$  by  $A(f)(x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m g_i^{-1} f(g_i x)$ .

Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.6.** (1) If  $f$  is a definable  $C^r$  map, then  $A(f)$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map.

(2) Let  $\text{Def}^r(X, \Omega)$  (resp.  $\text{Def}_G^r(X, \Omega)$ ) denote the set of definable  $C^r$  maps (resp. definable  $C^r G$  maps) from  $X$  to  $\Omega$ . Then  $A|_{\text{Def}_G^r(X, \Omega)} = \text{id}_{\text{Def}_G^r(X, \Omega)}$  and  $A(\text{Def}^r(X, \Omega)) = \text{Def}_G^r(X, \Omega)$ .

(3)  $A : \text{Def}^r(X, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Def}_G^r(X, \Omega)$  is continuous in the definable  $C^r$  topology.

As in the proof of 1.2 [14], we have the following result.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $X$  a definable  $C^r G$  submanifold of a representation  $\Omega$  of  $G$  and  $1 \leq r < \infty$ . Then there exists a definable  $C^r G$  tubular neighborhood  $(U, \theta)$  of  $X$  in  $\Omega$ , namely  $U$  is a  $G$  invariant definable open neighborhood of  $X$  in  $\Omega$  and  $\theta : U \rightarrow X$  is a definable  $C^r G$  map such that  $\theta|_X = \text{id}_X$ .

By Theorem 3.5, Proposition 3.6 and 3.7, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $X, Y$  definable  $C^r G$  submanifolds of representations  $\Omega, \Xi$  of  $G$ , respectively and  $0 \leq s < r < \infty$ . Every definable  $C^s G$  map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is approximated by a definable  $C^r G$  map with respect to the definable  $C^s$  topology.

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* It suffices to construct a finite family of definable sections of  $\eta$  as in Theorem 3.4. By the definition of definable vector bundles,  $\eta$  has a finite family of definable local trivializations  $\{U_i, \phi_i : U_i \times R^k \rightarrow p^{-1}(U_i)\}_{i=1}^l$ , where  $k$  denotes the rank of  $\eta$ . By Proposition 2.6, we can find a definable partition of unity  $\{\lambda_i\}$  subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$ . Thus we have global definable sections

$$s_{ij}(x) = \begin{cases} \phi_i(x, \lambda_i(x)e_j), & x \in U_i \\ \text{the zero section}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

$1 \leq i \leq l, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $e_j$  denotes the  $j$ -th fundamental vector of  $R^k$ . Since  $G$  is finite, we obtain the required finite family of sections  $\{g \cdot s_{ij} | 1 \leq i \leq l, 1 \leq j \leq k, g \in G\}$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* Since  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  are strongly definable  $C^r G$  vector bundles, as in the proof of 3.1 [11],  $\text{Hom}(\eta, \zeta)$  is a strongly definable  $C^r G$  vector bundle. Since  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  are definably  $G$  vector bundle isomorphic, this definable  $G$  vector bundle isomorphism defines a definable  $G$  section of  $\text{Hom}(\eta, \zeta)$ . Using Theorem 3.8, by a way similar to [11],  $\eta$  and  $\zeta$  are definably  $C^r G$  vector bundle isomorphic.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.9** (2.11 [12]). Let  $X_1, X_2$  be definable  $C^r$  manifolds,  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  principal definable  $C^r$  fiber bundles over  $X_1, X_2$  whose structure groups are a compact subgroup  $K$  of some  $O(n)$ , respectively. Let  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  be a definable  $C^r$  map.

(1) There exists a definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle  $(\eta_1, \eta_2, f)$  over  $X_1$  such that its definable  $C^r$  sections are in bijective correspondence with the definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle morphisms  $\eta_1 \rightarrow \eta_2$  covering  $f$ .

(2) If  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  are strongly definable, then  $(\eta_1, \eta_2, f)$  is strongly definable.

*Proof of Theorem 1.5.* (1) Since  $\eta$  is strongly definable, we can find the  $n$ -universal bundle  $\mathcal{B}_K$  and a definable map  $f : X \rightarrow X_K$  such that  $f^*(\mathcal{B}_K[F])$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ . By Theorem 3.5, we have a definable  $C^r$  map  $h : X \rightarrow X_K$  as an approximation of  $f$ . In particular  $h$  is definably homotopic to  $f$ . Thus by Theorem 1.1,  $\zeta := h^*(\mathcal{B}_K[F])$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $f^*(\mathcal{B}_K[F])$  and  $\zeta$  is a strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle.

(2) Let  $\zeta'$  be another strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle over  $X$  such that  $\zeta'$  is definably fiber bundle isomorphic to  $\eta$ . Consider the strongly definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle  $(\zeta, \zeta', \text{id}_X)$  whose sections represent the fiber bundle isomorphisms between  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta'$  which is defined in Proposition 3.9. Then it has a continuous section. By a way similar to the proof of 2.12 [12], it admits a definable  $C^r$  section. This section gives a definable  $C^r$  fiber bundle isomorphism between  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta'$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10** ([10]). Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an o-minimal expansion of the exponential field

$\mathbf{R}_{exp} = (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot, <, e^x)$  admitting the  $C^\infty$  cell decomposition and  $0 \leq r < \infty$ . Then every definable  $C^r$  map between definable  $C^\infty$  manifolds is approximated by a definable  $C^\infty$  map in the definable  $C^r$  topology.

Using Theorem 3.10, a similar proof of Theorem 1.5 proves Theorem 1.6.  $\square$

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